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Very

S. L.

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans, February 21, 1840

Sir

The following dies, dated, 1839 have been defaced in my presence by the Comier, by beating them and cutting a cross on their face"

Half dollars	3 pair	and one tail die	- 7
Dimes	4 "	"	1 - " - " 9
Half dimes	4 "	"	2 - " - " 10
Quarter eagles	1 "	"	2
			<u>28.</u>

{ Reserved
1 half dollar, tail
1 dime — tail 1/2. & 1 h
1 pt. quarter eagle 2 h. & 1 dime

These last will not be used without your approbation.
I would respectfully request you to keep us well supplied with dies of all the denominations. This is the more necessary now, as we have not yet had sufficient experience to have arrived at our great accuracy in rounding.
I am desired by our Melter and Refiner to ask you whether the picking and annealing by the Comier previous to weighing, must be adopted as an instruction, and if so, whether the clippings should not likewise be picked and cleaned. Let me beg you to lose no time in sending out the 50 cent dies. We have ordered a few days since

respectfully yours obd^r Serv^r

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